



Changes, Mitigation, and Exceptions

Stakeholder Working Group Meeting Agenda

April 26, 2022, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
1539 11th Ave, DNRC Big Sky Conference Room, Helena, MT
[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting Objectives:

- Continue to build shared understanding of Changes, Mitigation, and Exceptions stakeholder working group role and responsibilities
- Build shared understanding and awareness around water permit and change process
 - Identify obstacles in the water right permit and change processes
 - Explore ideas for providing clearly defined expectations
 - Explore ideas for increasing accessibility and affordability
- Explore ways to build consensus and find common ground
- Continue to build out processes to support the SWG's work
- Gather SWG input and guidance on priorities and next steps

9:00 AM	Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of Agenda
9:15 AM	Framing Questions and Clarify Purpose of the Changes, Mitigation, and Exceptions SWG <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarifying statements• Incorporation of feedback into framing questions, information, presentations• Definition of adverse effect
9:30 AM	DRAFT Work Plan Timeline for SWG <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future meeting agendas, dates, and location<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May 24th○ June 23rd○ July 26th○ August 23rd○ September 27th
9:40 AM	Presentation: Framing Question #1 – Permit and Change Process <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview – permit and change process<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What has changed since reform?○ Where are there uncertainties in the timelines?• High level information on the issues DNRC has already identified

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM Discussion: Permit and Change Process

- Identify and address obstacles in the water right permit and change processes so that there is greater certainty
 - How can the water permit and change process have more clearly defined expectations (certainty and transparency) for applicants?
 - How can the water permit and change process be more accessible, understandable, and affordable (including costs of process and opportunity costs) for applicants?

Noon Lunch

12:45 PM Continued Discussion: Permit and Change Process

2:30 PM Public Comment (time subject to change)

2:45 PM Summary of the Day and Next Steps

- Determine SWG work needed prior to next meeting
- Determine discussion focus for next meeting
- Determine information needed from DNRC for next meeting

3:00 PM Adjourn